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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S RETURN REASSURES GRC

1. LIEN HO PAO EDITORIAL OF OCTOBER 7 WELCOMED RETURN OF AMBASSADOR MCCONAUGHY IN TIME FOR ROC NATIONAL DAY SAYING RETURN WOULD DISPELL RUMORS OF EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF US-PRC DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. EDITORIAL ALSO NOTED GRC'S "ONLY COMFORT" SINCE NIXON VISIT TO PEKING HAS BEEN REPEATED REITERATION OF US DETERMINATION TO HONOR ITS TREATY COMMITMENT TO ROC.

2. LHP SAID THAT STATEMENTS BY MCCLOSKEY AND KING REFUTING ABC REPORT SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD GRANT FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION DURING FORTHCOMING PEKING VISIT ARE "TRUSTWORTHY." FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY AND MEANINGLESS WITHOUT RELAXATION OF CONFRONTATION. PEKING TAKING CAUTIOUS LINE WITH US AND UNLIKELY TO CALL FOR DIPLOMATIC SHOWDOWN WITH US TO FORCE ROC EMBASSY OUT. EDITORIAL CLOSED WITH USUAL NOTE THAT US PRC POLICY DETRIMENTAL TO ROC AND TO SECURITY IN
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ASIA AND WESTERN PACIFIC, AND HOPE THAT PRESIDENT

NIXON WILL "EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN CONSIDERING
RECOGNITION OF PEKING."

3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH LHP HAS SURPASSED ALL OTHER MEDIA
IN WORRYING ISSUE TO DEATH, EDITORIAL NEVERTHELESS
REFLECTS HOW CLOSELY ROC WATCHING FOR SIGNS OF CHANGE IN US
CHINA POLICY AND FOR AMMUNITION WHICH CAN BE USED TO DAMPEN
CONTINUING SPECULATION HERE THAT US WILL RECOGNIZE
PRC DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT PEKING. AT THE SAME
TIME, REFERENCE TO PRC NEED FOR CAUTION IN DEALING
WITH US DESIGNED TO REMIND USG THAT PEKING HAS LITTLE
TO OFFER IN RETURN FOR RECOGNITION AND THAT US BEING
THE WOODED RATHER THAN THE WOODEER, CAN AFFORD TO GO
SLOW.
MCCONAUGHY

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